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SUBJECT: US-USSR ENVIORNMENTAL AGREEMENT: PROJECT V-4.1

(BIOSPHERE RESERVES) 02.05-41

1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING DATED FEBRUARY 2 TO ACADEMICIAN V.E. SOKOLOV, DIRECTOR, INSTITUE OF EVOLUTIONARY MORPHOLOGY AND ECOLOGY OF ANIMALS, USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, LENINSKIY PROSPEKT EEN MOSCOW B171,117071.

2. "DEAR ACADEMICIAN SOKOLOV: THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF JANUARY 14 PROPOSING THAT THE FIRST SYMPOSIUM ON BIOSPHERE RESERVES BE HELD AT MOSCOW, TOGETHER WITH FIELD TRIPS DURING THE PERIOD APRIL 11-24. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FACT THAT I HAD ORIGINALLY SUGGESTED THESE DATES, I WOULD NOW PREFER DATES IN MAY (E.G., MAY 3-15) SO THAT OUR SIDE WILL HAVE ADEQUATE TIME TO PREPARE AND TRANSLATE PAPERS AND COMPLETE OTHR ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS. IF, HOWEVER, A VISIT IN MAY IS INCONVENIENT FOR THE SOVIET SIDE, WE WILL TRY TO COME DURING THE APRIL 11-24 PERIOD.

2. WE APPRECIATE YOUR OFFER THAT THIS VISIT BE MADE ON A "RECEIVING SIDE PAYS" BASIS. UNFORTUNATELY, OUR SIDE DOES UNCLASSIFIED

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NOT YET HAVE THE LEGAL AUTHORITY TO RECIPROCATATE. WE THEREFORE

PROPOSE TO MAKE THIS VISIT ON A "SENDING SIDE PAYS" BASIS. IN THIS CONNECTION, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PROVIDING AN ESTIMATE OF THE PER CAPITA COST OF OUR TRAVEL IN THE SOVIET UNION AFTER ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW.

3. THE TENTATIVE COMPOSITION OF OUR DELEGATION INCLUDES, APART FROM MYSELF: MR. VERNON C. GILBERT, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE; DR. STANLEY KRUGMAN, US FOREST SERVICE; DR. DAVID E. REICHLE AND DR. CARTER JOHNSON, BOTH OF THE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION; DR. PAUL RISSE, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION; DR. LEE M. TALBOT, COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY; DR. JAMES MCMAHON, UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY; PLUS TWO OR THREE OTHERS WHOSE NAMES I WILL SUPPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR EARLY REPLY AND WITH BEST WISHES FOR SUCCESS, I REMAIN SINCERELY, JERRY F. FRANKLIN"

5. REQUEST THAT IN PASSING COPY TO KAZAKOV EMBASSY URGE HIM TO HAVE SOKOLOV REPLY VIA EMBASSY CHANNEL, OR AT LEAST SEND COPY TO EMBASSY FOR CABLED TRANSMISSION RATHER THAN RELYING SOLELY ON OPEN MAIL WHICH RISKS INORDINATE DELAY. INGERSOLL

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